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BUCHHOLZ, Herwig, et al.

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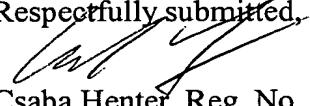
SIR:

In a response to the Office Action mailed on October 18, 2002, applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-6 and 14-23, drawn to a composition.

The Office Action alleges that the three groups lack unity of invention because the special technical feature linking the three groups is allegedly well known in the art. Applicants respectfully disagree, and request that all three groups be examined during prosecution, or in the alternative request that upon prosecution, if the subject matter linking the three groups is found to contribute patentable subject matter to the art, that the claims of the non-elected groups be considered in the same application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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